THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The House is adjourned till two O' clock.

The House then adjourned at thirty-five minutes past eleven of the clock.

The House reassembled after lunch at three minutes past two of the clock, **Mr. Chairman** in the Chair.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now let us take up Interim Budget (Railways), and Resolutions.

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): Sir, I beg to move the following Resolutions:

"That this House approves the recommendations made in Paragraphs 40, 41, 42, 44, 45, 47 and 48 contained..."

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE (West Bengal): Let the Appropriation Bill be passed first. Then we will come to the Resolution and the Interim Budget. We have to return the Vote on Account Bill. Let that business be over. Then we will take this up. पहले वह पास कर लीजिए, वोट ओन एकाउण्ट को रिटर्न कर दीजिए। उसके बाद आप रेजोलूशन मूव कीजिए।

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal): Let Mr. Pranab Mukherjee be constantly advising the new Government. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: This is a financial business. It will have to be transacted. We have agreed to pass it without debate. But the format has to be maintained.

श्री नीतिश कुमार: सर, जो लिस्ट आफ बिजनेस है, उसमें लिखा हुआ है कि एक साथ लिया जाएगा, इसलिए मूव कर दिया गया है। दोनों पर एक साथ चर्चा कर लीजिए।

MR. CHAIRMAN: The basic question which Pranab Babu is raising is whether you have moved the Interim Budget. The Resolution comes thereafter. There is the Interim Budget (Railways), 1998-99 before that. ..*(Interruptions)*

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: This is a small derailment.

SHRI NITISH KUMAR: It is not a derailment. ..*(Interruptions)*

SHRI MD. SALIM (West Bengal): He moved in the absence of a proper signal.

THE APPROPRIATION (RAILWAYS) VOTE ON ACCOUNT BILL, 1998 AND THE APPROPRIATION (RAILWAYS) BILL, 1998

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): Sir, I beg to move:

"That the Bill to provide for the withdrawal of certain sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of Idnia for the services of a part of the financial year 1998-99 for the purposes of Railways, as passed by Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN (Tamil Nadu): May I say something, Sir?

MR. CHAIRMAN: What? Nobody is speaking. Why do you want to speak?

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARJAN: I just want an assurance on this.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I shall now put the Appropriation (Railways) Vote on Account Bill, 1998 to vote. The question is:

"That the Bill to provide for the withdrawal of certain sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of a part of the financial year 1998-99 for the purposes of Railways, as passed by the Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."

The motion was adopted.

Clauses 2 and 3 and the Schedule were added to the Bill.

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI NITISH KUMAR: Sir, I beg to move:

"That the Bill be returned."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE (West Bengal): I am sorry to get up again. The Supplementary Demands are also to be moved by the Minister. Only then you can put the question.

SHRI NITISH KUMAR: What is the problem?

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: The problem is that the Minister has to move the Supplementary Demands.

SHRI NITISH KUMAR: Yes, I am prepared to move that.

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: But, before you move it, the Chairman has already put the question before the House. The Minister has to move it first. (*Interruptions*)

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Sir, will you permit me to request the hon. Minister about my State.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Not now.

SHRI NITISH KUMAR: Sir, I move:

"That the Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of the financial year 1997-98 for the purposes of Railways, as passed by Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I shall now take up clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

Clauses 2 and 3 and the Schedule were added to the Bill.

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI NITISH KUMAR: Sir, I beg to move:

"That the Bill be returned."

The Question was put and the motion was adopted.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now the Resolution...

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: Sir, we have agred to have a discussion on the Resolution.

सदन के नेता (श्री सिकन्दर बख्त): रेलवे कन्वेंशन कमेटी के रेज़ोल्युशन पर तो बहस होगी, यशवन्त सिन्हा साहब का बिजनेस पहले कर दीजिए।

†[ ]Transliteration in Arabic Script

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श्री प्रणव मुखर्जी: फाइनेंस मिनिस्टर का बिजनेस पहले कर दीजिए।

After that the Minister can move so that the Finance Minister can go.

MR CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr. Finance Minister.

THE APPROPRIATION (VOTE ON ACCOUNT) BILL, 1998,

THE APPROPRIATION BILL, 1998,

THE FINANCE BILL, 1998, AND

THE CONTINGENCY FUND OF INDIA (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1998

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): Sir, I move:

"That the Bill to provide for the withdrawal of certain sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of a part of the financial year 1998-99, as passed by Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I shall now take up clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

Clauses 2 to 4 and the Schedule were added to the Bill.

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Sir, I move:

"That the Bill be returned."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I move:

"That the Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of the financial year 1997-98, as passed by Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."